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The Honorable Lewis Strauss
Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
1901 Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lewis:

I enclose copies of letters which Dr. Boveri left with me this morning, from the Swiss Foreign Minister and from our Ambassador in Bern, which briefly explain his present mission in the United States.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Le Chef
Du
Department Politique Federal

Berne, April 8th, 1954.

Dr. Walter Boveri,
President of Brown Boveri & Co. Lt.,
B a d e n .

Dear Dr. Boveri,

I was very interested to hear that you were planning to go to Washington in the near future with the intention of contacting some high official personalities in the Government on the subject of atomic studies and on the possibilities of collaboration.

Considering the studies that have already been undertaken in Switzerland your idea seems to me of the utmost importance and very much in our country's interest. I am, therefore, quite prepared to give you all the necessary assistance within my power. I do so all the more willingly as Professor Dr. P. Scherrer, President of the Swiss Commission for Atomic Studies, has assured me that he was looking on your trip to the United States with satisfaction and anticipating successful results therefrom with regard to the practical use of atomic energy for pacific purposes, particularly in the industrial fields.

Would you be so kind as to let me know if, in any further stage, you should wish me to lend you my assistance, either through the Political Department in Berne or through the Swiss Legation in Washington.

Needless to say, it would be very desirable if you would inform me eventually of the results of your conversations, in order to enable me to inform my Colleagues on the Federal Council.

With my best regards, believe me, dear Dr. Boveri,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Max Petitpierre

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The Foreign Service
of the
United States of America

American Embassy,
Bern, Switzerland,
April 14, 1954.

Dear Dr. Boveri:

Thank you for sending me with your letter of April 12, 1954 a copy of the letter of April 8, 1954 from Dr. Petitpierre, Federal Councillor. I have written to Washington and requested that the appropriate officials be informed of your impending visit and that you would like to talk to Mr. Allen Dulles and Mr. Lewis Strauss. I trust that you will encounter no difficulty in making the arrangements to see them.

May I say once again how much I enjoyed my visit to the Brown Boveri plant last Thursday. It was intensely interesting and I greatly appreciated the trouble that had been taken to make my visit agreeable and to explain things to me.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frances E. Willis
American Ambassador

Dr. Walter Boveri,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
Brown Boveri and Co., Ltd.,
Baden.